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(b) A petition was sent to the Government by certain Adi-Andhra ryots of Chataparru, Kistna district, requesting that they may be exempted from the payment of the inclusion fee. A copy of the petition was also addressed to the Collector.

(c) No other such petition has been received by the Government. They do not know whether the Collector received other petitions.

Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU :—“ May I ask the hon. the Law Member, in view of the large amount of inclusion fees that has been collected, whether any steps have been taken to take water to all those lands that are newly included in the ayacut ? ”

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ I shall make inquiries, Sir.”

Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU :—“ As regards clause (b) of the question, I want to know whether any orders have been passed on the petition of the Adi-Andhras.”

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ One petition was rejected but another is pending.”

Land Revenue.

Memorial from Mr. Ratnasabhupati Mudaliyar of Bhavani.

* 309 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has received a memorial, dated the 15th April 1925, from one A. Ratnasabhupati Mudaliyar of Bhavani in Coimbatore district that he worked as a time-keeper overseas for four years during the war and afterwards and if so, whether the facts mentioned by him about that service are correct;

(b) whether it is a fact that he applied several times for some appointment and for the grant of some lands on darkhast and if so, whether all his applications have resulted in nothing; and

(c) whether the Government have instituted any inquiry into the matter and if so, with what result?

A.—The memorial has been received and is under inquiry.

Srirangam Temple.

Report of the committee on repairs to Srirangam temple.

* 310 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the report of the committee appointed some years ago for making a report on the repairs necessary for the Srirangam temple has been received by the Government and if so, when;

(b) when the last committee meeting was held and when the report was submitted to the Government and what have been the recommendations made by the committee;

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(c) if no report has yet been made to the Government, whether any draft report has been prepared, if any members of the committee have signed the report and if so, who;

(d) when was the draft prepared and when was the last signature affixed; and why there has been delay in the completion and submission of the report; who are the members that have not yet signed the report and why; and

(e) whether the several buildings attached to the temple require urgent repairs, whether the Government will be pleased to arrange to get the report very early and in any case execute the urgent repairs without any further delay?

A.—(a) No.

(b) The committee last met on 22nd December 1924.

(c) No draft report has yet been prepared.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The Government understand that portions of the temple buildings require repairs. The Government have not admitted any liability to do the repairs.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"May I know if the draft report has been received since this answer was sent to the Council office? It is stated that no draft report had been received. I do not know when this answer was received by the Council Office. I want therefore to know whether the report has since been received and disposed of."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"No, Sir."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"Sir, may I know why this committee was appointed if the Government had not admitted any liability to do the repairs?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"I must refer the hon. Member to the resolution of the Council which recommended the appointment of this Committee and which the Government accepted. The reasons for the appointment of the committee are stated in the discussions on that resolution."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I appeal to the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government to ask the Religious Endowments Board to examine the liability of the Government in this matter?"

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"In view of the long period that has elapsed since the appointment of the committee, will the Government ask the committee to expedite the report?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"Apparently the hon. Member Mr. Venkataramana Ayyangar knows that the hon. the Revenue Member cannot answer both the questions; he has put another question before the last question of Mr. Venkatachalam Chetti has been answered."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"I thought that the hon. the Revenue Member was not giving any answer to that question as I saw the hon. Member turning that side and talking to another hon. Member on the opposite row. That is why I put the question."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"Probably the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government did not hear me."

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The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I would like to see what the report of the committee is before I take any action."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I ask the hon. Member in charge whether he would take steps to expedite the report, seeing that it is about four years or so since the committee was appointed ?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" Since this answer was prepared and sent in, there has been a meeting of the committee and steps have been taken to expedite the getting of the information which the Council required in the resolution that was passed."

Village Establishments.

Religion, caste, etc., of village officers in Mangalore taluk.

* 311 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to place before this House a statement showing religion, caste and sub-caste of the various village officers (potails and shanbagues) in the Mangalore taluk of South Kanara and state—

(a) whether any particular community has a preponderance over others in the holding of village officers' appointments in that taluk ;

(b) whether it is a fact that on account of such preponderance, weaker communities suffer from their highhandedness and tyranny ; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps in order to counter-act such predominance ?

A.—The Government are not aware of any useful purpose that would be served by compiling such a statement and therefore regret they are unable to comply with the request.

(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information on the points referred to in these clauses of the question.

Bench Courts.

Alleged treatment of Mr. N. Subrahmanya Ayyar, B.A., President of the Second-class Bench Court, Tanjore.

* 312 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether, when Mr. N. Subrahmanya Ayyar, B.A., was President of the Second-class Bench Court, Tanjore, he complained to the District Magistrate that the Subdivisional Magistrate Mr. T. N. Chokkalinga Mudaliyar was transferring cases from his file without (i) calling for remarks in the first instance, (ii) without recording reasons for the transfer, and (iii) at an advanced stage of the trial, thereby lowering the prestige of his Court ; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the District Magistrate sent for the President and asked him to resign his appointment as President on the ground of illhealth, and that if he did not do so he would remove him from the President's place ?

A.—The Government have no information. A report has been called for.